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## J.H. BAXTER, ARLINGTON SITE HAZARD ASSESSMENT

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J.H. Baxter (Baxter) is a woodtreating facility in Arlington, Washington. The site is located southeast of the intersection of 67th Avenue and 188th Street, approximately two miles east of the I-5 freeway in Snohomish County (Township 31N., Range 5E., Section 22). (See Figure 1.) The site is nearly flat and low hills are present to the east. Portage Creek is approximately one mile northeast and the Stillaguamish River approximately two and one-half miles north.

The soil stratigraphy at the site typically consists of 20 to 25 feet of sand and gravel underlain by slightly silty to silty sands to at least 50 feet below the ground surface. The silty sands belong to the Marysville sand member and are believed to be at least 150 feet thick in the area. The Marysville sand is believed to lie on till, which acts as a confining layer for a deeper aquifer.

Groundwater exists in an unconfined condition throughout most of the site with the upper groundwater table present in the silty sands. The upper aquifer groundwater flows from the southeast to the northwest at the site; measured gradients range from about 0.007 to 0.03 foot per foot. The unconfined water table aquifer is a drinking water source.

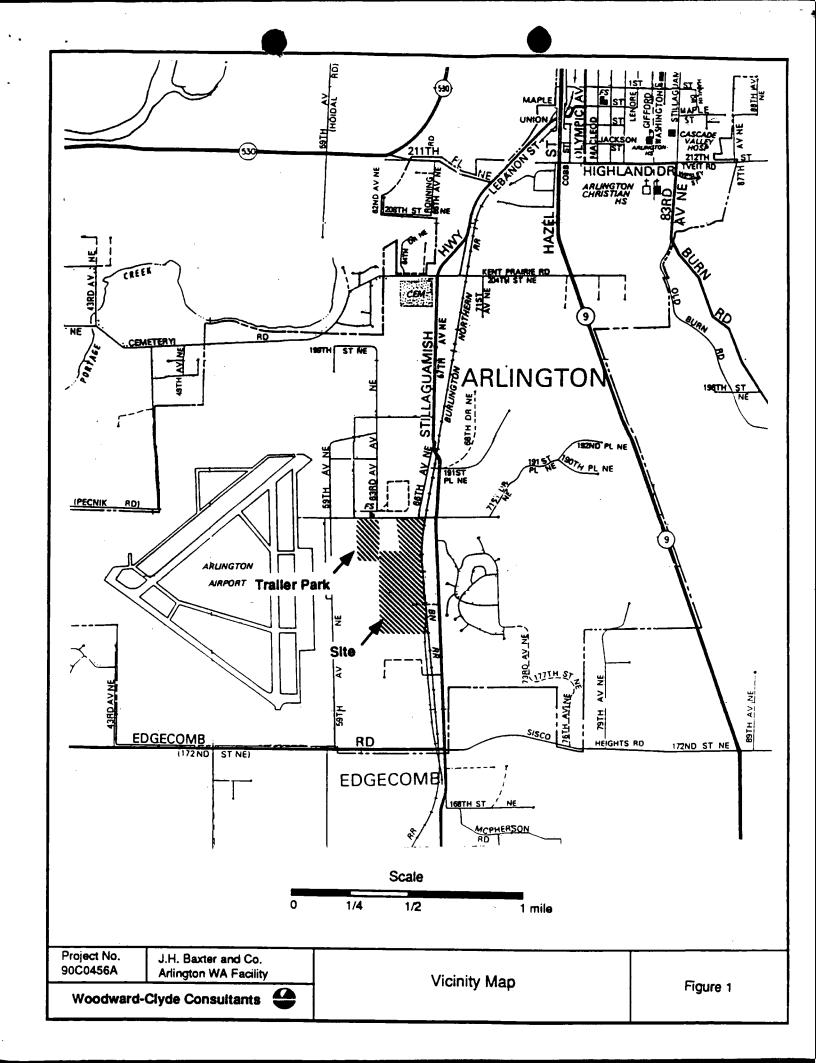
Surrounding land use includes the Arlington Municipal Airport to the west, residences (including a trailer park to the northwest) less than 500 feet from the site, other light industrial businesses, farming and a municipal park.

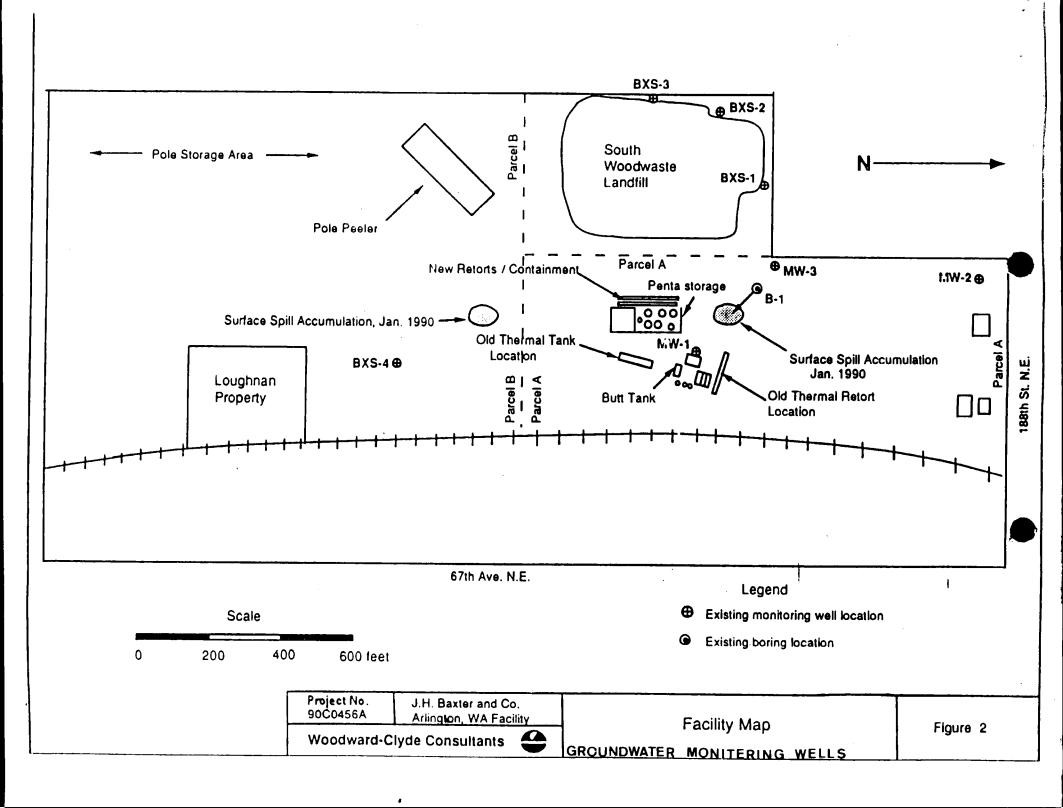
#### SITE HISTORY

Baxter began wood treating operations at the site in 1970. Prior to 1970, 17 acres in the northeast part of the site contained a pole peeling and wood treating facility owned and operated by Ted Butcher, Inc. and similar to J.H. Baxter's. Baxter purchased that site and an additional undeveloped 28-acre parcel to the south. A third 7-acre parcel was purchased in 1978. This parcel was previously used as a gravel pit and was then used by Baxter as a woodwaste landfill.

Treatment equipment, on site, consists of a butt tank, thermal retorts and a contained tank farm. Untreated logs are stored on the southern portions of the site and treated logs are stockpiled north of the retort. (See Figure 2.)

Pentachlorophenol and creosote have been used as wood preservatives at the site, but Baxter discontinued creosote treating in 1990. Releases, in the form of spills, of the





pentachlorophenol solution from the butt tank were reported in March 1981, February 1989, and January 1990. Estimated volumes of the pentachlorophenol solution released were 1400, 200, and 2000 gallons respectively. During the 1990 event, the pentachlorophenol solution flowed across the ground surface toward the northwest, where it ponded in a small depression, and toward the south where it was contained in a holding area by personnel on the site.

In May, 1990, pentachlorophenol at a concentration of 150 ug/l was detected in a well completed in the upper unconfined aquifer in the northwest corner of the property. Further testing of seven monitoring wells detected contamination in six of the wells that ranged from 0.005 to 0.44 ug/l and indicated the presence of a plume of pentachlorophenol extending to the north-northwest.

A trailer park is located on an adjacent property to the northwest. Potable water for a portion of the trailer park is supplied by a single well. The well is screened in the upper aquifer. Pentachlorophenol has not been detected in the well water collected and analyzed by the Snohomish County Health Department, but the proximity and direction of the "penta" plume indicates there could be a problem in the Baxter extended an offer to the owner to pay for the cost of hooking up the trailer park to city water. trailer park owner has not accepted the offer. The site was ranked on the understanding that the hookup was going to If the site was ranked on the premise at groundwater usage for a public water supply and on the proximity of the trailer park well, the ranking would probably have been a "2" rather than a "4".

#### SAMPLING DATA AND INFORMATION

Ground water sampling for J.H. Baxter was conducted by Woodward-Clyde Consultants. The presence of Pentachlorophenol in the upper aquifer is mentioned previously in this report. Sampling was done in August and October, 1991. Monitoring well locations are indicated in Figure 2. Results of the sampling are shown in Table 1. This data was used in scoring the ground water pathway for the WARM Ranking.

The Department of Ecology could not find a surface water route to sample. The soil on the site is primarily sand and liquids do not run off the site but readily sink into the ground. There are "storm drains" on the site but these discharge directly to the ground, and therefore are considered part of the groundwater rather than the surface water. system to a treatment facility. We therefore felt that the Surface Water route could not be scored for the WARM Ranking.

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Table 1. Monitoring Results - GROUND WATER

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Well ID	August 1991						October 1991				
	Pentachloro- phenol, mg/L	pН	Tempera- ture, C	Specific Conductivity, S/cm <sup>2</sup>	Water Level Elevation, ft	Pentachloro- phenol, mg/L	pН	Tempera- ture, C	Specific Conductivity, S/cm	Water Level Elevation, ft	
MW-1	<0.0002	6.32	11.0	61	72.9	NS.	NS	NS	NS	NS	
MW-2	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	0.0083	6.22	10.7	170	60.5	
MW-3	0.44	6.14	11.9	75	63.1	0.21 0.44 <sup>1</sup>	6.27 5.95	9.8 10.0	120 135	60.7	
BXS-1	0.052 0.047 (dup)	6.03	12.8	290	62.4	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	
BXS-2	0.0006	6.23	15.6	550	63.7	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	
BXS-3	<0.0002 0.034 (dup)	6.37	17.9	460	66.1	0.0005	NS	NS	640	63.8	
BXS-4	0.0013	7.79	12.9	140	82.8	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	

<sup>1</sup> sample collected after 4600 gallon purge

TAKEN FROM WOODWARD-CLYDE

CONSULTANTS. DECEMBER

1990

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> microslemens per centimeter

The Department of Ecology conducted soil sampling, March 25, 1992. Sampling was done by Elaine Atkinson and Judith Aitken. Four samples and duplicates were taken. Figure 3 shows the locations of the samples. Locations were as follows:

Sample 40 (J.H. Baxter, #3-25-1JHB) The sample was taken at the south end of the old drip pad and retort where the logs now enter the retort. It is adjacent to the end of the pad and to the left of the railroad tracks.

Sample 41 (J.H. Baxter, #3-25-2JHB) The sample is at the north end of the new drip pad, actually eight (8) feet from the end of the pad, about half way between the pad and the "storm" drain.

Sample 42 (J.H. Baxter, #3-25-3JHB) This sample was taken at the south end of the treated log storage area, directly north of the housing near the butt tank in the area where the treated wood had been stacked and thirty (30) feet from the railroad spur.

Sample 43 (J.H. Baxter, #3-25-4JHB) This sample was taken at the north end of the treated wood area, in the silty soil beneath a pile of treated telephone poles. The poles in the pile were both butt-treated and treated in the retort.

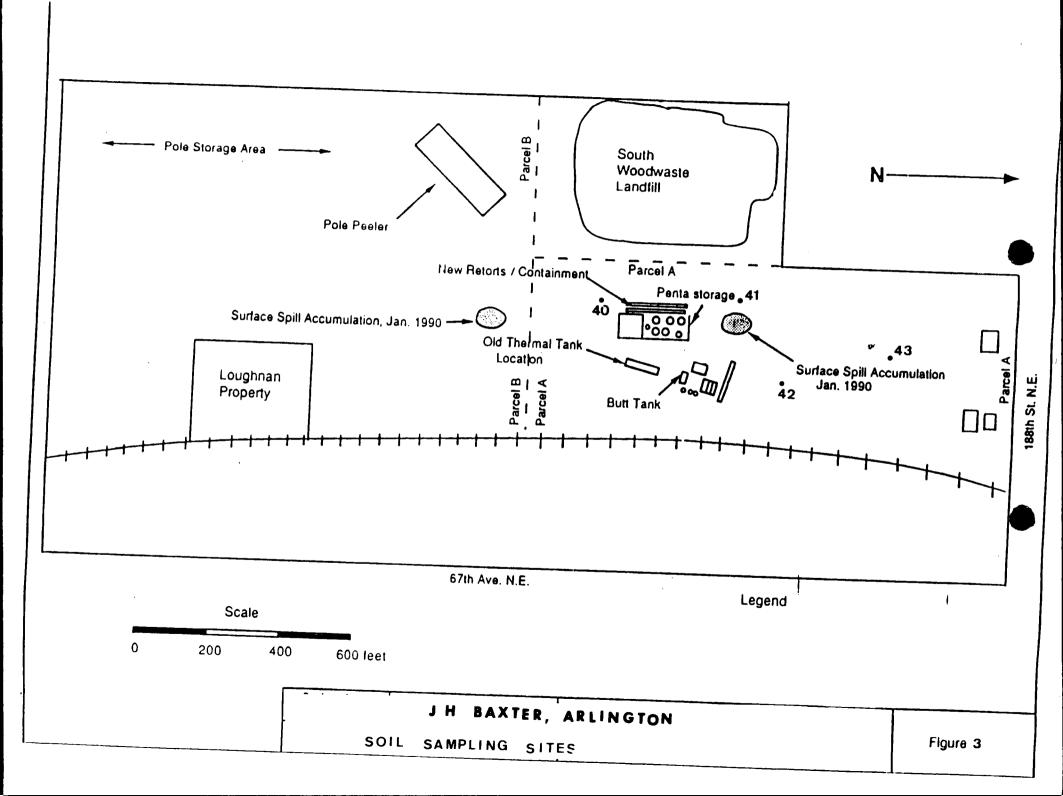
This information was considered when scoring the Air route for the WARM ranking.

#### RESULTS

The soil sampling indicated the presence of Pentachlorophenol, Benzo(a)pyrene, Di-Benzo(a,h)anthracene, Benzo(a)anthracene, Chrysene, Carbazole, Pyrene, Fluoranthene and Benzo(b)fluoranthene in excess of MTCA Level B Cleanup Levels. (See Table 2) The sites that were closest to the retort were contaminated at higher levels. Almost all of the analytes were positively identified but the numerical values are estimates.

The presence of Pentachlorophenol, Benzene, and Benzo(a)pyrene in the confirmed spills allows the air pathway to be scored. Three thousand six- hundred gallons of preservative were spilled. The Ambient Air Standards for Pentachlorophenol is 1.7 ug/m3. All surface soil samples indicated "penta" in excess of 6000 ug/kg.

The site ranked "4" on the Site Hazard Assessment Ranking. The driving force for the ranking is the location of the drinking water wells. As stated before, the drinking water well at the trailer park (northwest of the site) was supposed to be abandoned and the trailers hooked up to the City of Arlington drinking water. The hookup is being



# TABLE 2 SOIL CONTAMINANTS

(ug/kg in soil) Method B

	MTCA Std. (B)	Sample 40	Dup.	Sample 41	Sample 42	Dup.	Sample 43	Dup.
Benzo(a)pyrene	172.0	2300J*	3000J*	390 U	<u>570J*</u>	180000 U	450 UJ	8900 UJ
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	172.0	1200J*	710J*	390 U	160J*	460000 UJ	1100 UJ	23000 UJ
Benzo(a)anthracene	172.0	<u>2600*</u>	7100 U	390 U	2600J*	180000 U	450 U	8900 U
Acenaphthene	4.8E+03	46J	7100 U	390 U	900 U	180000 U	450 ซ	8900 U
Fluorene	3.2E+03	110J	130J*	390 U	900 U	180000 U	450 U	8900 บ
Carbazole	5.0E+01	2400J*	1100J*	2000 UJ	4600 UJ	930000 UJ	2300 UJ	46000 UJ
Pentachlorophenol	833	06400J*	64000J*	6000J*	1.9 x 10 <sup>6</sup> J*	1.4 x 106J*	<u>31000*</u>	31000 J*
Anthracene	2.4E+04	870*	540J*	375*	900 U	180000 U	450J	8900 UJ
Pyrene	2.4E+03	7600J*	6700J*	260J*	13000J*	180000 U	770J*	8900 UJ
Fluoranthene	3.2E+03	9200*	6500J*	160J*	5700J*	180000 U	310J*	8900 UJ
Chrysene	172.0	<u>2600*</u>	5100J*	<u>170J*</u>	2400J*	180000 U	390J	8900 UJ
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	172.0	8200J*	7800*	180J*	1200J*	180000 U	<u>310J</u>	8900 UJ

J = The analyte was positively identified, the associated numerical value is an estimate.

\* = The analyte was present in the sample.

UJ = The analyte was not detected at or above the reported estimated result.

U = The analyte was not detected at or above the reported value.

Those samples containing contaminants greater than MTCA cleanup standards are in **bold** and <u>underlined</u>.

Method B Formula values as of Fall 1992.

negotiated between J.H. Baxter and the trailer park owners but is presently at an impasse (as of 12-17-92). If accord is not reached, the site will have to be reranked and will fall in a much higher quintile because of the trailer park's proximity.

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### WORKSHEET 1 SUMMARY SCORE SHEET

Site Name/Location (City, County, Section/Township/Range):
J.H. BAXTER AND COMPANY
Arlington, Snohomish

NW 1/4 of Section 22, T31N, R5E

Site Description (Include management areas, compounds of concern, and quantities):
Baxter uses pentachlorophenol (PCP) as a preservative for wood treating. Releases of the PCP solution has occurred in 1981, 1989, and 1990. Estimated volumes are 1400, 200 and 2000 gallons of pentachlorophenol, respectively. In 1990, PCP was detected in a well on the northwest corner of the property. Recent sampling indicates PCP in five of the seven wells on the site and in the soil near the retort and the yard for drying the treated logs. A trailer park is located on adjacent property to the northwest, and although potable water for the older, northerly part of the trailer park was supplied by a well, the park has abandoned the well and tied into the Arlington City water supply like the rest of the park.

<u>Management areas....</u>Contaminated soil and ground water.

<u>Compounds of Concern....</u>Pentachlorophenol, Benzene, Toluene, Benzo(a)pyrene,

<u>Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene</u>, Benzo(a)anthracene, Chrysene, and

Benzo(b)fluoranthene.

<u>Quantities....</u>3600 gallons of Pentachlorophenol and Aromatic Oils, Unknown for PAHs and Creosote.

Special Considerations (Include limitations in site file data or data which cannot be accommodated in the model, but which are important in evaluating the risk associated with the site, or any other factor(s) over-riding a decision of no further action for the site):

The site is in an area that is a proposed "sole source " aquifer (Tulalip) by EPA's Office of Ground Water. The drinking water well at the trailer park adjacent to the site has been abandoned and the park has hooked up to Arlington City water. Other wells in the area are all up-gradient from the site.

#### ROUTE SCORES:

Surface Water/Human Health:	<u> N.A.</u>	Surface Water/Environ.:	_ <u>N.A.</u>
Air/Human Health:	_22.2	Air/Environmental:	_0.0
Ground Water/Human Health:	_52.2		
Rev. 5/31/91		OVERALL RANK:	4

# WORKSHEET 2 ROUTE DOCUMENTATION

### 1. SURFACE WATER ROUTE

List	substances to be <u>considered</u> for scoring: Pentachlorophenol, Creosote, PAHs and Aromatic Oils (Benzene and Toluene).	Source: 1
Expla	ain basis for choice of substance(s) to be used in scor Data and information provided by Baxter and their consultants. Field reconnaissance by Ecology personne	_
List	management units to be <u>considered</u> in scoring: Contaminated soil	Source: 1
Expla	ain basis for choice of unit used in scoring.  Data in documentation in the files. It was  determined that there is no clear surface water  pathway to score.	Source: 1
2. A	AIR ROUTE	
List	substances to be <u>considered</u> for scoring: Pentachlorophenol, Benzene, Toluene, Fluorene, Naphthalene, Creosote, Benzo(a)pyrene, Dibenzo(a,h)- anthracene, Benzo(a)anthracene, Chrysene, and Benzo(b fluoranthene.	Source: 1
Expla	in basis for choice of substance(s) to be used in scor.  Data from documentation and data from sampling done by Ecology personnel.	ing.
List	management units to be <u>considered</u> in scoring: Contaminated soil	Source: 1
Expla	in basis for choice of unit used in scoring.  Some air sampling was done from drill holes. Penta- chlorophenol sample did not exceed detection level of <24 ug/m3 but clean-up level is 1.7 ug/m3.  However, there were high levels of the PAHs in sampling done by Ecology personnel.	

# WORKSHEET 2 (CONTINUED) ROUTE DOCUMENTATION

### 3. GROUND WATER ROUTE

substances to be <u>considered</u> for scoring: Pentachlorophenol, Creosote, PAHs (Fluorene and Naphthalene) and Aromatic Oils (Benzene	Source: 1
and Toluene).	

Explain basis for choice of substance(s) to be used in scoring. Historical records and data from consultants work for J.H. Baxter plus the Snohomish County Health Department data.

List management units to be <u>considered</u> in scoring: Source: 1

Contaminated soil and ground water associated with monitoring wells.

Explain basis for choice of unit used in scoring.

Analysis of data provided by the property owner's consultant and the Snohomish County Health Department. PAHs and creosote not detected in ground water.

# WORKSHEET 3 SUBSTANCE CHARACTERISTICS WORKSHEET FOR MULTIPLE UNIT/SUBSTANCE SITES

Combination 1 Combination 2 Combination 3

Unit: NOT APPLIC	ABLE
Substance:	
SURFACE WATER ROUTE	
Human Toxicity Value:	
Environ. Toxicity Value:	
Containment Value:	
Surface Water Human Subscore:	
Surface Water Environ. Subscore:	
AIR ROUTE	
Human Toxicity/Mobility Value:	
Environ. Toxicity/ Mobility Value:	
Containment Value:	
Air Human Subscore:	·
Air Environ. Subscore:	
GROUND WATER ROUTE	
Human Toxicity/ Mobility Value:	
Containment Value:	
Ground Water Subscore:	

# WORKSHEET 4 SURFACE WATER ROUTE

1.0	SUBSTANCE	CHARACTERISTI	cs <u>not</u>	SCORED,	NOT APPLICABLE	
1.1	Human Toxi	city				
Subs	stance	Drinking Water Standard (ug/l) Val	4		Acute Toxicity mg/kg-bw) Val.	Carcino- genicity <u>WOE PF* Val.</u>
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*Pot	ency Factor					ource: /alue: oints?
1.2	Environmen	tal Toxicity			Final Tox:	city Value
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1.3	Substance (Explain be	Quantity asis:			Source:	Value:
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### WORKSHEET 4 (CONTINUED) SURFACE WATER ROUTE

Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Value: \_\_\_\_

# 2.0 MIGRATION POTENTIAL 2.1 Containment Explain basis:\_\_\_\_

### WORKSHEET 5 AIR ROUTE

.0 SUBSTANCE	CHARACTERISTICS
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1.1 Introduction (WARM Scoring Manual) - Please review before scoring

1.	2	Human	Toxi	LC	it	v
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	Air Standard		Chronic Toxicity		Acute Toxicity		Carcino- genicity		
Substance	(ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	Val.	(mg/kg/day)	Val.	(mg/kg-bw)	Val.	WO	E PF*	Val.
1.Pentachloro-									
phenol	1.7	9		ND		ND			ND
2.Benzene	0.12	10		ND	31947(rat)	3	A	0.11	5
3.Benzo(a)					(,				
pyrene	0.0006	10		ND		ND			ND
4.									
5.									
6.									

\*Potency Factor

Source: 2 Highest Value: 10

+2 Bonus Points? 2

Final Toxicity Value: 12

- 1.3 Mobility (Use numbers to refer to above listed substances)
- 1.3.1 Gaseous Mobility

Vapor Pressure(s): 1= 2; 2= 4; 3= 2 Source: 3 4=; 5=; 6= Value: 4

1.3.2 Particulate Mobility

Soil type: Source: Value: Climatic Factor:

1.4 Final Human Health Toxicity/Mobility Matrix

Value: 24

1.5 Environmental Toxicity/Mobility

	Non-human Mammalian			
Substance 1.Pentachloro-	Acute Toxicity	<u>Value</u>	Mobility	<u>Value</u>
phenol	ND	ND		ND
2.Benzene 3.Benzo(a)-	31947 (rat)	3	4	6
pyrene	ND	ND		ND

Environmental Toxicity/Mobility Matrix Source: 2 Value: 6

# WORKSHEET 5 (CONTINUED) AIR ROUTE

Substance Quantity: 3600 gallon spills to ground, Explain basis: no containment	_ Source: <u>l</u> -	Value:
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MIGRATION POTENTIAL		
Containment: None - no vapor recovery system, Spill directly to ground surface.	Source: 3	Value:
TARGETS		
Nearest Population: < 200 feet	Source: 1	Value:
Distance to, and Name(s) of, Nearest Sensitive Environment(s)	_ Source: <u>1</u>	Value:
Population within 0.5 miles: √population=139	Source: 1	Value:_
RELEASE		
Explain basis for scoring a release to air:	Source: 1	Value:_
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# WORKSHEET 6 GROUND WATER ROUTE

### 1.0 SUBSTANCE CHARACTERISTICS

### 1.1 Human Toxicity

Substance 1.Pentachloro-		Drinking Water Standard (ug/l) Val.		Chronic Toxicity (mg/kg/day) Val.		Acute Toxicity (mg/kg-bw) Val.			Carcino- genicity WOE PF* Val.		
	phenol	0.1	10	0.0008	1		_	ND	В2	0.12	4
2.Benzene		5	8		ND	3306	(rat)			0.029	-
3.Toluene		2000	2	0.2	1		(rat)		_		_
4.Fluorene 5.Naphthalene		0.2	10	0.04	1		_ ′	ND	_		
		20	6	0.004	3	490	(rat)	5	_		ND
*Poter	ncy Factor						2 Bon	est V us Po	alue inte	e: 2 e: 10 e? 2 y Valu	<u>.                                    </u>
1.2 M	obility (Use	number	s to	refer to abo	ve lie	ted gub	at and	041			
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2.2 N	et Precipita	tion:		25.6	inches	<u> </u>	Sour	ce:	1	Value	:_3_
2.3 S	ubsurface Hy	draulic	Cond	ctivity:2x10	)-3 to	3x10-3	Sour	ce:	1	Value	:_3_
2.4 V	ertical Dept	h to Gro	ound F	Water: 34		feet	Sour	:e:	1	Value	: <u>   6                                 </u>

# WORKSHEET 6 (CONTINUED) GROUND WATER ROUTE

3.0	TARGETS			
3.1	Ground Water Usage: Private and public water supply, no other source since public wells draw from same aquifer.	Source: 1	Value:	9
3.2	Distance to Nearest Drinking Water Well: < 750 ft	Source: 1	Value:_	4
3.3	Population Served within 2 Miles: <a href="mailto:vpopulation=581">vpopulation=581</a>	Source: 1	Value:_	24
3.4	Area Irrigated by (Groundwater) Wells within 2 miles: 0.75\(\sqrt{no.acres=420}\)	Source: 1	Value:_	15
4.0	RELEASE  Explain basis for scoring a release to ground water: The release of pentachlorophenol has been reported by Baxter and their consultants	Source: 1	Value:_	5

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